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Application of :	Janzen and Schelp	)	
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Title:	Method and Composition	)	Examiner: D. Venci
	For Stabilizing	)	
	Liquid Reagent	)	Date: May 03, 2007
	Reagents	)	
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In response to the Final Office Action dated February 6, 2007 to which a response is now due the period of time having been extended pursuant to 37 CFR 1.17(a)(3) please consider the following amendments and remarks.

Claims 1-12 and 14-21 are pending. The Examiner has withdrawn Claims 7-12 and 17-21 as being directed to non-elected inventions. Claims 1-6 and 14-16 are under examination. Claims 7, 8 and 12 were examined in the first office action (8/24/06) without a restriction requirement. Applicants believed that requirements for restriction were to be made prior to a final office action. See M.P.E.P. 802. Moreover, the claims were rejected in the first office action. Applicants do not understand how the burden of searching on the Examiner is undue if the search has already been done and the claims had been examined. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the restriction. Finally, the Examiner states that Invention I requires a "fluid medium" and Invention II requires a "containing". However, both claims 1 and 7 require "a fluid medium containing". Applicants do not understand the Examiner's statements referring to "said containing".